

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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United States of America,

Case No.: 21-CR-173 (PJS/DTS)

Plaintiff,

**Motion to Withdraw Appearance of  
Attorneys Gary Springstead, Michael  
Bartish, Kathy Springstead, Nicole  
Springstead-Stolte, and Donald  
Davis**

v.

Anton Joseph Lazzaro (1),  
Gisela Castro Medina (2),

Defendants.

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Attorneys Gary K. Springstead, Michael R. Bartish, Kathy M. Springstead, Nicole E. Springstead-Stolte, and Donald A. Davis of the law firm Springstead, Bartish, Borgula & Lynch PLLC (SBBL Law), respectfully seek permission from the Court to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant Anton Joseph Lazzaro in this case. Defendant Lazzaro has indicated his wish to terminate the attorney-client relationship with SBBL Law. Therefore, the attorneys listed above respectfully submit this motion to withdraw.

The attorneys from SBBL Law previously filed motions requesting permission to appear *pro hac vice* as Defendant's counsel in this case. (ECF No. 157, 158, 166, 167, 168). The Court granted this request and allowed them to appear. (ECF No. 159, 174). Defendant is currently represented by multiple attorneys in this matter in addition to those at SBBL Law.

SBBL Law does not have any reason to believe that their prompt withdrawal from representation would unduly prejudice either party. Nor does SBBL Law believe their withdrawal would unnecessarily hinder the administration of justice. This case is not yet set for trial and Defendant Lazzaro remains incarcerated. Any consequence of permitting the withdrawal of undersigned counsel at this time would be minimal and not likely to prejudice the Government. SBBL Law will of course coordinate to ensure the orderly transmission of Defendant Lazzaro's file and assist in any substitution.

### **CONCLUSION**

The attorneys from SBBL Law (Gary K. Springstead, Michael R. Bartish, Kathy M. Springstead, Nicole E. Springstead-Stolte, and Donald A. Davis) respectfully seek permission from the Court to withdraw as counsel of record for Defendant Anton Joseph Lazzaro in this case. Defendant Lazzaro has exercised his right to counsel of choice; a right that encompasses the ability to hire and fire retained counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

SPRINGSTEAD BARTISH BORGULA & LYNCH, PLLC

Dated: 06/3/22

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was duly filed and served upon counsel of record, via the Court's CM/ECF system, this 3rd day of June 2022.

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